

	Arrestor and other Equipment For Oke Baale and Ibokun Van; and Digital Studio for Ile-Ife Station etc.	87,300,000
(D)	<u>Reality Television Services, Iwo</u> (to cover the various projects of the Station like the National Broadcasting Commission Licence fee(s) (BON); Purchase of Vehicles; Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects; production or Acquisition of TV Programmes, Furniture and furnishing for Offices and technical areas intercom etc.	2,700,000
(E)	<u>Osun State Tourism Board</u> (to cover various projects of the Agency like the preparation of Tourism brochure; maintenance of Olumirin Water falls, Erin Ijesa; maintenance of new tourism centres, erection of car park, purchase of furniture and office equipment; purchase and refurbishment of vehicles.	42,700,000
(F)	<u>Ministry of Tourism</u> (to cover various projects of the Agency like construction of film/ video production industry, development of equipment for Craft Village at Lagun Skills Acquisition Centre. Tourism video documentary development of Osun Grove, development of palaces and museums, purchase and refurbishment of vehicles, acquisition and development of new tourist centre, development of tourism library.	43,200,000
(G)	<u>Office of the Governor</u> Construction of UNESCO (Centre for Black Culture) Building.	150,000,000

(H) BUREAU OF COMPUTER SERVICES
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

To cover various projects of the Bureau such as: full computerization of salient programmes and activities of Government, Integrated Personnel System and Pension Administration Scheme Public Services Networking & Connectivity (including VSAT, Radio & Fibre Optic) of Government Agencies, Provision of Personal Computers and supporting Peripherals to Agencies of Government. Public Service E-document and Virtual Office Infrastructure, Pensioners Enumeration and issuance of Computerized ID Card and full computerization of Gratuity/Pension Scheme etc.

300,000,000

6.11 Social Development, Youths and Sports including Women Affairs

6.11.1 Government will remain constantly committed to the execution of programmes and projects capable of promoting social development, Youths and Sports in the State. To that effect, a total sum of N310,875,300.00 (Three Hundred and Ten Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand, Three Hundred Naira) or 1.91% of the total Capital Budget has been allocated to the Sub-sector this fiscal year. The higher allocation to this Sub-sector in this fiscal year is an indication of the importance the Government attaches to the Sub-sector. The highlights of the various programmes and projects to be undertaken in the Sub-sector and the allocations to each of them are as follows:

N

(A) Osun State Sports Council 198,000,000

(to cover various projects of the Agencies, like the upgrading of Osogbo Township Stadium, construction of the Stadium in the Six Zonal Offices; acquisition of land and development of Stadium in Ikirun; purchase of Vehicles/Buses; purchase of sports equipment, provision of Office Furniture and equipment; provision of generating set and building of executive toilet etc.

(B)	<u>Council for Arts and Culture</u> (to cover various projects of the purchase/refurbishing of vehicles. Agencies; like the provision of theatre materials; welding-Drilling engraving machines for visual arts, Costume and Arts materials,	4,815,000
(C)	<u>Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Development:</u>	
(i)	Replication of 1 st phase of 21 UNICEF Community Development Initiative in 16 Communities	19,215,000
(ii)	Matching Grant for Community Based Self Help Projects	14,400,000
(D)	<u>Office of the Governor</u> Youth Empowerment Scheme Project	3,600,000

6.12 Town and Country Planning

6.12.1 All programmes and projects falling under this Sub-sector will be pursued with greater zeal and vigour in the year. The allocation to the Sub-sector is N26,550,000 (Twenty-six Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) or 0.16% of the 2008 Capital Budget. The highlights of the programmes/projects planned for execution this fiscal year are as follows:

(A)	<u>Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning</u> (to cover the various projects of the Agency;	N 2,700,000
(B)	<u>Capital Territory Development Authority</u> (to cover the various projects of the Agency; for capital territory area, provision of Traffic Lights; General Urban Improvement Works; purchase and refurbishing of vehicles	5,850,000

6.1.3 General Administration

6.1.3.1 In the immediate past fiscal year, many projects were executed in the General Administration Sector. Similarly, Government will ensure the effective execution of all the projects falling under the Sector in the current fiscal year. Some of the projects already mapped out for execution include the completion of the Liaison Office, Abuja, construction of State House Complex 2nd phase, completion of the on-going Legislative Offices, insurance of Government properties and vehicles, purchase and refurbishing of fire tenders/tankers, construction of Staff Development Centre, Construction of Multi-purpose Conference Hall, Housing Loan to magistrates, procurement of Court Recording System, purchase of vehicles, purchase of office equipment and furniture, furniture allowance for top and political functionaries etc. A total sum of ₦1,159,651,990.00 (One Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-nine Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety Naira) or 7.11% of the Capital Budget has been allocated for the execution of the projects falling within the Sector.

7.0 OTHER ISSUES

7.1 Apart from the general issues and projects already highlighted in the foregoing analysis, other specific issues approved to guide the implementation of the Year 2008 Budget are as follows:

(i) Inclusion of Expenditure from Capital Receipts and Retained Internally Generated Revenue in the Appropriation Accounts of Agencies:

All agencies of Government which receive Capital Receipts and/or are allowed to retain their IGR for internal use must always include expenditure on such revenue in their Annual Appropriation Accounts to be submitted to the Office of the Accountant-General and endorsed to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

(ii) Clearance of Executive Council Memoranda with relevant Agencies:

All Executive Council Memoranda emanating from agencies of Government must be cleared with other relevant Government agencies. All submissions with financial implications must be cleared with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. Any submission on establishment issues must also be cleared with the Bureau of Establishments and Training. The

Cabinet Office shall not process to the Executive Council any Memorandum without due clearance with the relevant Agencies.

(iii) Performance of the Civic Functions by the Citizenry:

In order to ensure that the citizens perform their civic functions as expected and in order to boost the Internally Generated Revenue of Government, the provision of evidences of the performance of civic duties must be demanded from the Citizens before they can enjoy benefit from Government. All Government agencies must therefore demand for the Tax Clearance Certificates, evidence of payment of Capital Projects Development Levy, Water Development Levy, Pay-As-You-Earn etc. before attending to such Citizens.

(iv) Government Corporations:

All Government Corporations shall be more commercially oriented. They must be able to generate sufficient revenue to meet their overhead costs and still have some credible balance for Capital Expenditure. In addition, they shall work hard towards ensuring that they pay the salaries of their workers and fund their overhead costs. There must also be a substantial Recurrent Budget Surplus to be used for Capital Development.

(v) Audited Accounts of Agencies:

All agencies being audited by External Auditors must submit copies of their audited Accounts to the Office of the Accountant-General and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

(v) Tenders Procedures and Matters:

In conformity with the existing regulations and in line with the current dispensation on Probity, Accountability and Transparency in Government dealings, all Tenders Procedures must be by competitive, open and selective biddings. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and the Due Process Office must be represented on all Procurement Committees

or Finance and General Purposes meetings, without which the decisions of such Committees will be null and void.

(vii) Departmental Boards of Survey:

All Boards of Survey Matters must be in line with the existing rules and regulations while all the relevant agencies like the Ministry of Works and Transport, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the Office of the Accountant-General and a representative of the Auditor-General (State) must be represented on such Boards without which the decisions of the Boards will be null and void.

(viii) Loss and Fraud Investigation:

The issues of Loss and Fraud Investigations should not be haphazardly or unilaterally treated by agencies of Government. Although Agencies of Government are expected to treat certain Loss and Fraud Matters departmentally, the recommendation of such Departmental Committees are still to be communicated to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development for ratification since it is the Honourable Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development that has the authority to write-off public loss after the approval of the Governor. Also, other categories of Loss and Fraud that cannot be handled departmentally must be referred to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development for further actions in accordance with the relevant regulations.

(ix) Foreign Exchange Conversions:

All foreign exchange conversions must involve the Office of the Accountant-General before they can be validly done by virtue of the existing regulations. All agencies of Government must therefore follow the existing regulations and directives as issued out through relevant circular letters to make such foreign exchange activities valid and legal.

(x) Maximum Utilization of the Existing Manpower:

Appropriate and relevant professionally qualified officers shall always be assigned to handle specific technical jobs for greater positive effects and

that square pegs should always be put into square holes for greater efficiency and productivity.

(xi) Security Matters:

Security matters must continue to be seriously attended to in Year 2008 with particular reference to:

- (a) Security of Offices/Quarters;
- (b) Security of top Government Officers like the Governor and the Deputy Governor, etc;
- (c) general security of the citizenry.

(xii) Necessary efforts must be made to expand the IP Phone facilities within the New Secretariat Complex as well as ensuring steady electricity supply because of the implications for efficiency, effectiveness and productivity.

(xiii) Promotion Exercises:

All promotion exercises shall be based on the approved establishment for the year of exercise and not on the contemplated establishment for this fiscal year, otherwise such promotion exercises will be null and void.

(xiv) Representations at Boards/Governing Councils Meetings:

Certain agencies by statute are ex-officio members of Boards/Governing Councils. Very Senior Officers not below Grade Level 15 shall be made to represent their Ministries on such bodies. In the same vein, notification of meetings and issues to discuss at such meetings shall be submitted by the relevant agencies, at least, a week before the meeting to enable the relevant officers gets the necessary mandate for the meetings.

(xv) Keeping of Cash by Sub-Accounting and Other Related Officers:

In accordance with the existing regulations, all Accounting Officers are to ensure that the fullest possible use is made of banking facilities and that all cash surpluses in excess of daily requirements are banked immediately. Thus, when it is unavoidably necessary to hold cash, it must not be held beyond daily requirements. Any unspent balance shall be re-banked before the close of the day. Any defaulting Agency/Functionary would be appropriately surcharged and disciplined.

(xvi) Printing of Treasury and Revenue Receipts:

No Agency of Government is authorized to print Treasury and Revenue Receipts except the Office of the Accountant-General.

(xvii) Governing Councils/Boards of Tertiary Institutions Corporations and Parastatals:

The Governing Councils/Boards of Tertiary Institutions, Corporations and Parastatals are appointed to implement Government Programmes/Policies as may be relevant for their agencies. They are therefore to be guided by all the relevant laws, regulations and guidelines as approved by Government.

(xviii) Attendance of National Meetings/Workshops and On-the-Job Training of Subordinate Officers:

It is observed that the following advantages could be derived from attending the National meetings/seminars/workshops:

- (a) it could serve as training ground for the relevant Officers;
- (b) the state may be able to influence issues/decisions at the National level;
- (c) a number of material benefits could be derivable there-from;
- (d) it could promote good inter-governmental relationship and friendliness across the States. Consequently, Government will ensure that relevant officers attend such Meetings/Seminars/Workshops. Subordinate officers should also be taken along to such meetings for their training and exposure which would be of benefits to the State.

(xix) Staff Welfare and Development

The impressive performance of Government in the area of Staff Welfare and Development is commendable. Government will ensure that Staff Welfare and development shall continue to be accorded prime importance. In particular:

- (a) salaries and allowances of workers shall continue to be paid as at when due;

- (b) training and retraining of staff shall continue to be attended to with vigour. All the sections of the Public Service of Osun State - Core Civil Service, Teaching Service (Primary and Secondary), Corporations and Tertiary Institutions shall have their training and retraining policies for execution;
- (c) the provision of Housing Loans and Vehicles Loans shall continue to be tackled with vigour, subject to fund availability. The Corporations/Tertiary Institutions shall also be encouraged to have their own separate programme to be funded from their Internally Generated Revenue;
- (d) prompt payment of pension and gratuity will be ensured, subject to fund availability.

(xx) Clearance of Core-Welfare Indicators Data:

Core Welfare Indicators Data on Education, Health, Agriculture, Water Resources etc. shall not be forwarded to external Agencies without due clearance with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

(xxi) Legal Position of Virements:

Regarding the issue of the Legal Position of **VIREMENTS**, the relevant portions of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) Law are stated below:

Section 22(4) - "Any public officer who, in the discharge of his official duties, awards or signs any contract without budget provisions, approval and cash backing shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and on conviction be liable to three (3) years imprisonment and a fine of one hundred thousand naira."

Section 22(5) - "Any public officer who transfers or spends any sum allocated for a particular project or service, on another project, or service, shall be guilty of offence under this Act and on conviction be liable to one (1) year imprisonment or a fine of fifty thousand naira."

The implication of the provisions is that unilateral **Virements have been outlawed**. All virements must be approved by the House of Assembly;

(xxii) Deployment of National Youth Service Corps Members posted to Osun State

In order to ensure effective and efficient utilization of corps members posted to Osun State, about 95% should be posted to the Teaching Service, while about 5% are posted to the Civil Service, Corporations and the Private Sector.

(xxiii) Outfit/Clothing Allowance for Officer

After an exhaustive deliberation, the Treasury Board decided that only the Officers in charge of the Security of Government and those in Protocol Department of the Office of the Governor would henceforth be entitled to outfit/clothing allowances.

(xxiv) since serving Public Officers are entitled to free medical services anywhere in the world, any expenses arising therefrom after the recommendation of the Medical Board of the Ministry of Health would have been approved by the Governor shall be fully borne by the Government;

(xxv) Constituency Projects of the Osun State House of Assembly

As directed by the Governor, a sum of N600 million (six hundred million Naira) is provided in the Budget for the constituency projects of the Osun State House of Assembly. It was approved that the provision should be transferred to the House of Assembly for proper monitoring, accounting and auditing purposes. The House of Assembly should render quarterly progress report on the execution of the constituency projects to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the Due Process Office and the Central Economic Planning Office, on the projects executed through the fund, constituency by constituency. This is necessary for proper record purposes and accountability.

(xxvi) Creation of New Ministries and New Heads of Expenditure

In view of the fact that three new Ministries have been recently created, it has been approved that the Heads of Expenditure for the Year 2008 Budget should be readjusted for certain relevant Agencies as follows:

- (i) Head 413/2 - Osun State Micro Credit Agency
- (ii) Head 423/3 - Office of the Surveyor General of Osun State;

- (iii) Head 426/2 - Customary Court of Appeal of Osun State
- (iv) Head 430 - Ministry of Environment
- (v) Head 430/1 - Osun State Environmental Protection Agency
- (vi) Head 431 - Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- (vii) Head 431/1 - Osun State Tourism Board
- (viii) Head 431/2 - Osun State Council for Arts and Culture
- (ix) Head 432 - Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
- (x) Head 433 - Osun State House of Assembly
(this is in view of the conventional practice that the House of Assembly is usually listed last in the arrangement of Heads of Expenditure);
- (xi) Head 433/1 - Osun State House of Assembly Commission.

8.0 Budget Implementation, Monitoring and Control:

8.1 This Administration is reputed for its efficient and effective Budget implementation, monitoring and control. It is no gain-saying the fact that a Budget however well prepared, if not properly executed, will just be a mere paper tiger without achieving anything. Since the coming on board of this Administration Government has always achieved significantly most of its budgeted projects and programmes. All the annual Budgets of Osun State which were always balanced at the beginning of the year always ended in surpluses at the end of the year, however small. In Year 2007, what people thought could not be achieved was achieved through strategic planning and proactive financial engineering, in particular, the establishment of the six Campuses of Osun State University which has become a reality and which some people thought will just be a paper dream or political gimmicks. There is no doubt that this Government is very serious about budget implementation, monitoring and control. Its various budget implementation mechanisms such as the Fund Allocation Committee mechanism which

meets every month under the Chairmanship of the Governor himself, the State Budget Implementation mechanism which meets quarterly under the chairmanship of my humbleself as the Honourable Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, the State Monitoring mechanism under the Due Process Office and the Central Economic Planning Commission, the Internal and External Auditing mechanism and others have all been put to efficient and effective use and will be more strengthened to ensure that the Year 2008 Budget is properly executed. There is no doubt that the political will to develop Osun State is there in our dynamic and selfless leader, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola. Those of us his followers together with His Excellency are very loyal and dedicated to the course of the service of God and humanity. The Executive Arm, the Legislative Arm and the Judicial Arm of Government are working complementarily (and not competitively) to ensure the continued growth and development of Osun State and that justice and peace continue to reign supreme in the State.

9.0 CONCLUSION:

9.1 We have noted that the Year 2008 Budget is a "***Budget of Renewal and Actualization***"; renewal of dedication to the provision of quality service to the good people of Osun State, to increase the tempo of the provision of infrastructural networks across the State; to improve significantly the standard of living and the welfare of the good people of Osun State; to ensure perfect industrial relationship in Osun State and to ensure that peace continues to reign in the State for without peace nothing really can be achieved. It is a renewal and actualization of hope and a renewal and actualization of quality service that is efficient and effective and that is humanly possible for the good people of Osun State. This Government wants to leave a legacy that any Government after it must strive very hard to meet not to even talk of surpassing it. The zero loan tolerance of Government will continue unabated. However Government has decided in

this fiscal year to float a Bond for the infrastructural development of Osun State that would tackle significantly and in an accelerated manner the execution of top priority projects of Government particularly in the area of:

- (a) establishment of the Centre for Black Culture in Osogbo, the first of its kind in Africa;
- (b) development of the Free Trade Zone;
- (c) establishment of a reliable and sustainable Information Communication Technology (ICT) particularly computer interconnectivity across the State;
- (d) development of Iddo Osun Aerodrome and a lot of others.

9.2 Government has decided that the Bond should have been terminated before the end of this second term in Office because Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola does not want to leave any debt for any incoming Government. The establishment of Osun State University has opened our eyes into certain strategic financial planning and financial engineering that would be unsurpassable. Apart from strategic financial planning and financial engineering, Government has also decided to ensure improved internally generated revenue this fiscal year. Consequently, all tax evaders and avoiders should be aware and make amends for there is already a revenue generation law in place which will be strictly enforced.

9.3 Government will continue to ensure strict budget discipline and value for money in the implementation of the Year 2008 budget. In this regard, I thank all our Royal Fathers, all political leaders whatever their political affiliations, all public officers, gentlemen of the press and the good people of Osun State for their support for this Government. I wish to appeal to them to continue to support this Government and to allow peace to reign. With such a support, the people will marvel at the achievements that would be recorded at the end of this fiscal year. The Government has noted with

dismay the insinuation that it would relax its developmental efforts during this second term. It is not possible for a serious minded Government led by our dynamic Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola to relax particularly with a well precise formulated Year 2008 Budget where programmes, projects and policies have been properly articulated and where targets have been set.

9.4 The State Economic Empowerment Development Strategy (SEEDS) II (2008 – 2011), is already being formulated and will be concluded before the first half of this year. The Year 2008 Budget signifies the first year of the SEEDS (II) Development Plan. We are also putting in place the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) which is a 3-year Rolling Expenditure projection which will not allow us to derail in our Budget execution. The Medium Term Sectoral Strategy (MTSS) which is also a complement of SEED (II) is also being put in place. These are serious well couched documents that will put everybody on his toes. The Government of Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola wants to assure the good people of Osun State that it will continue to be responsible and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the good people of the State. This is why all our developmental programmes starting from the Annual Budgets to the SEEDS documents are all participatory, all inclusive and all embracing.

9.5 I also want to indicate as pointed out by the Governor that the State Economic Industrial Committee established in Year 2007 under the chairmanship of my humbleself is working very hard to ensure speedy industrial and economic development of Osun State. The Committee has already visited many Foreign Embassies in Nigeria and had received useful cooperations and assurances.

9.6 Again, I want to thank our Royal Fathers and all our Religious Leaders for their support and prayers. I also thank the gentlemen of the press, the public officers of Osun State Government and all the good people of Osun State for their support so far

which I hope will continue unabated in Year 2008. Consequently, I want to assure you that we will continue to implement the policies and programmes that are well packaged for Osun State to continue to grow from strength to strength and to make it a leading State amongst its peers in the Federation. We pray that God will continue to be with all of us throughout this year and beyond.

9.7 Thank you and God bless.